

**DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**GRANTS FOR THE
Trash-Free Rivers: Fostering Green Jobs and Environmental Education Opportunities by
Cleaning Up the Anacostia River**

The District Department of the Environment (“DDOE”) is seeking eligible entities, as defined below, to submit proposals to monitor and maintain three “Bandalong” trash traps in a local river, provide environmental work experience District youth (ages 16-25), and educate participants and the public about how trash pollutes District waterbodies. The successful applicant will implement a maintenance program for two (2) years with DDOE funding to maintain three (3) trash traps in the Anacostia River. The successful applicant will be expected to recruit, train and employ school-aged youth to assist in the maintenance of all three traps, and to input into a database the tracked characteristics of the trash captured. The applicant will also coordinate opportunities for volunteers to assist with maintenance and learn about the need for trash reduction in District waters and watersheds. The successful applicant will be expected to collect data on the amount and types of trash being captured by all three traps. The amount available for the project in this RFA is approximately \$238,000.00. This amount is subject to continuing availability of funding and approval by the appropriate agencies.

Beginning 03/06/2015, the full text of the Request for Applications (“RFA”) will be available online at DDOE’s website. It will also be available for pickup. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download from DDOE’s website, www.ddoe.dc.gov. Select “Resources” tab. Cursor over the pull-down list; select “Grants and Funding;” then, on the new page, cursor down to the announcement for this RFA. Click on “Read More,” then download and related information from the “attachments” section.

Email a request to 2015TrashFreeRiversRFA.Grant@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA 2015-1510-SWMD” in the subject line;

Pick up a copy in person from the DDOE reception desk, located at 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002. Call Matt Robinson at (202) 442-3204 to make an appointment and mention this RFA by name; or

Write DDOE at 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, “Attn: Matt Robinson RE:2015-1510-SWMD” on the outside of the letter.

The deadline for application submissions is 4/6/2015, at 4:30 p.m. Five hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to 2015TrashFreeRiversRFA.Grant@dc.gov.

Eligibility: All the checked institutions below may apply for these grants:

☒-Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations;

☐-Faith-based organizations;

☐-Government agencies; and

☐-Universities/educational institutions.

Period of Awards: The end date for the work of this grant program will be two years from the date of execution of a grant award.

Available Funding: The total amount available for this RFA is approximately \$238,000.00. The amount is subject to continuing availability of funding and approval by the appropriate agencies.

For additional information regarding this RFA, please contact DDOE as instructed in the RFA document, at 2015TrashFreeRiversRFA.Grant@dc.gov.